

UTTER DESTRUCTION OF PARIS PLANNED

Huns Intended Using Aerial Flame Thrower If War Had Lasted.

CHRISTENED "FLYING DEATH"

Liquid Fire Was to Have Been Squirted From Black Mid-night Sky.

(By Universal Service.) LONDON, Sept. 13.—A hint of one war horror, at least, which was not reported in the last war, but which may well take its place among the destructive agencies to be employed in the next "inevitable conflict," has been given in this week's revelations of war secrets in the German National Assembly. This is the aerial flame thrower, well christened "the flying death."

A Copenhagen message, published here by the Air Ministry, says the Berlin Post has published a letter which Herr Erzberger sent to General von Falkenhayn, then War Minister, in September, 1914, just a month after the war started, wherein he recommended that Zeppelins invading England be equipped with flame throwers, or flame sprays, from which liquid fire could be dropped in a drenching rain from crowded cities. The alleged letter from Erzberger, concluded with a statement of the writer's conviction and struggles regarding the violation of international law should be set aside and the Fatherland's battle against her ring of enemies.

Idea Was Feasible One. Unfortunately, the published letter does not enter into the details of how the idea was to have been executed from a black night sky. But I have been informed by an official of the British Air Ministry that not only the idea was feasible, but that the Royal Air Force engineers actually had prepared a plan for the execution of which would carry into execution this very idea. But beyond giving practical demonstration of the appliance before the heads of the department, the British flyers did nothing. They were informed by the same official that Erzberger is alleged to have held regard to sanctity of international law.

Horror of "Next War"

I am privileged to make the statement, however, that if, when the next great war comes, it is accompanied by conventions concerning the rights of non-combatants, such as characterized the last, the special horrors of the "next war" will be the horrors of the sky.

Before the outbreak of the war, a few months ago in roundabout fashion, the German plan for the total destruction of Paris, which was to be executed by the use of flame throwers, was revealed by the light of the burning buildings.

The only possible defense against such an attack would have been barrage fire and a counter-attack by the German guards and the German fighting line. But the war demonstrated what is now counted an axiom in a warfare, which is that neither of these methods of defense, during a night attack, is more than a stab at the enemy.

Had such a concerted attack by German flame throwers been made upon Paris there is no question but that the world's most beautiful city would have been wrecked beyond restoration.

PRISONER IS HONORED FOR SAVING AN AVIATOR

Great Britain Gives German Silver Watch and Purse of Money for His Efforts.

(By Universal Service.) LONDON, Sept. 13.—Because he saved the life of a British flyer, a German prisoner of war, who was captured in a flying machine two weeks ago, has been presented with a silver watch and a purse of money at a military ceremonial parade held at Dorchester.

This is the first time in the history of any war where a prisoner of war has been thus signally honored by his captors. Besides the citation for bravery and the presentation of the watch and money, Bruchmann was immediately repatriated to Germany and granted a free passage to his home.

The presentation was authorized by the military officials at Dorchester immediately upon learning the details of the rescue.

Bruchmann was working in the aerodrome with a body of prisoners when the aerodrome crashed. Disregarding his own safety, he rushed into the burning wreckage and succeeded in pulling the almost unconscious aviator from his seat. He was seriously burned about the face and body.

HAVE YOU ROUNDED UP NECESSARY CALORIES

Each Person Should Have 3,000 of Them in Food Every Day, Says Expert.

(By Universal Service.) Each person should have 3,000 calories a day to be well fed, according to James P. Kilcourse, head of the Chicago Board of Health. He explained a calorie in food bears the same relation to the human machinery as the heat unit or calory bears to the steam boiler. It takes 3,000 calories a day to keep the human engine working properly.

Mr. Kilcourse invaded the restaurants to see how many citizens were getting 3,000 calories a day, they need them. He found most folks don't get the necessary number. At the cheapest restaurants they cost \$1.45, in fairly heated places \$2.05, and in places where one gets music with one's meals the 3,000 life-preservers cost from \$2.20 up. Pork and beans run about 715 calories to the plate. Mr. Kilcourse explained, and said if milk is substituted for coffee the number of calories will be increased.

Rich "Find" Repays Man Hunting a Ground Hog

NEW CASTLE, PA., Sept. 13.—The result of ground-hog hunting hereabouts promises to attract the attention of hunters all over the country. Antonio Ballini started the sport here recently, and is an enthusiastic over his first "shoot" that nothing else will interest him. Antonio was introduced to the sport when he spied one of the animals duck into a hole. The hunter proceeded to dig it out, when he came upon a whisky cask containing six quarts.

When asked if he found the ground hog, Antonio said he forgot all about it.

GHOST OF SCALPED GIRL SAID TO HAUNT TOWN

Pennsylvania Mining Region Folk All on Edge Because of Weird Sightings.

(By Universal Service.) GREENSBURG, PA., Sept. 13.—Residents of Carbon, a mining village southwest of here, are all on edge over the weird fitting about late at night of what is declared to be a ghost, clad in a snow-white gown.

This ghost, it is said, has on three different occasions, between midnight and 1 o'clock, aroused Peter Olson, a Norwegian miner, who lives alone in a small house, with its strange rappings on his door more vigorous than those of Poe's raven.

Olson rose promptly on each occasion, and when he opened his front door the figure of what he believed was a young woman in a white robe stood on the step.

"What do you want?" Come into the house, I would not hurt you," Olson declares he told the strange figure, but he failed to get any answer, and he would attempt to lay hands on it, the ghost would give a shrill cry and disappear.

On three succeeding nights the hobgoblin appeared at the Olson home and three times did the snow-white figure of a young woman in a white robe come into his house.

William Maier, a grocer and local "ghost authority," says the nocturnal "ghost" is a ghost of a very pretty young woman, captured by the Indians in their flight from Eastern Pennsylvania, and the intention of making her the bride of one of the Indian chiefs sons.

Maier believes the ghost is greatly embarrassed by the changes wrought during the past few decades.

LAVENDER STATIONARY

Only Commodity That Has Not Soared With H. C. L. in London.

(By Universal Service.) LONDON, Sept. 13.—The only commodity that has not soared with old General H. C. L. in London is sweet lavender, and that because of the lavender reason that the merchants of this ancient household article cannot get a higher price for it.

Here's the testimony of a sweet lavender merchant, who declares his father and his grandfather before him reared their families solely on the profit margin for the plant chorally established.

"To sell lavender you've got to know how to sing, and if you try singing twelve branches for one penny you spoil the harmony, and might as well go out of the business."

BOILERMAKING SAPS HEALTH

Pennsylvania Man Brings Action for Damages, Injuries, Disturbing Noises.

(By Universal Service.) LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 13.—Byron Frank has brought suit against the Lancaster Iron Works, claiming \$5,000 damages because of disturbing noises produced by the factory in the manufacture of boilers.

Frank claims the noise has affected his own health and comfort and that of his wife and two sons, and that his earning capacity has thereby been greatly diminished. In addition to "disturbing the peaceable enjoyment of his home" during regular working hours.

NEW AIR CONTRACT UNIQUE IN HISTORY

Convention Recently Signed at Paris Full of Novel Features.

RECOGNITION OF SOVEREIGNTY

State May Declare Certain Prohibited Areas—Five Powers Will Control.

(By Universal Service.) LONDON, Sept. 13.—The Air Convention recently signed in Paris is perhaps one of the most interesting of the agreements which have been made by the powers taking part in the peace conference, says an Air Ministry announcement.

The admission by a State of foreign aircraft to the air over its territory and to its aerodromes, even though carefully safeguarded, marks an epoch in international arrangements to which no parallel can be found. It is true that a visiting ship enters the territory of a State, but this is only at the actual frontier, while international motoring is confined to a negligible quantity of tourist traffic.

In all other cases the means of conveying goods or passengers across a State have been controlled by the State or its nationals, both with respect to rolling stock and roads.

Wife Uses Wheel to Warn Flyer-Husband

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Watching her husband's flight in an airplane here recently, Mrs. Raymond Stevens, bride of twenty-three, of New York, noticed an object drop from the plane as it flew over Sentinel Mountain three miles away.

Supposing it was a wheel she at once unfurnished an extra mounted wheel from her automobile and when the plane hove over the landing field at the Lake Placid Club, Mrs. Stevens held up the automobile wheel as a signal to Lieutenant F. C. Davies, the pilot, and her husband, the passenger.

Mrs. Stevens had seen a capot wrecked when it lost a wheel in flight and interpreted his wife's signal as a warning.

Davies flew about the field, then tilted the plane so that it swung around like a top on the remaining wheel and finally stopped with the nose of the machine in the "there."

Both men alighted safely, the plane being slightly damaged.

HUNDREDS OF BLIND LIVE ON \$2 A WEEK

Alfred Short Declares Fear of Workhouse Is Stronger Than Pangs of Hunger.

(By Universal Service.) LONDON, Sept. 13.—Said Mr. Alfred Short, Laborite, in the House of Commons: "Seven hundred blind persons live in London on less than 10 shillings (\$2.50) a week."

With all of these unfortunate the fear of the workhouse is stronger than the pangs of hunger, and they will content themselves with one meal a day, consisting of tea, bread and margarine, rather than report themselves as indigent needing state aid. Nearly all of them are half starved, according to the report of the secretary of the Institute After-Care Committee.

Most of these blind are too old to be trained in the crafts for the slightest. Poor helpless chips on this after-the-war tide of restlessness which catches millions in its backward—just helpless chips!

Here is a story which is typical of the thing called life these slightest ones lead. It was told by a kind-hearted charity worker who confines her activities to the helpless blind:

"There were two old people we knew about—the husband, ninety-three, and the wife eighty-nine. One day we brought them a dozen new laid eggs. We had to struggle with them to prevent their sharing an egg between them, so precious did they regard eggs."

The man is a helpless invalid, bedridden; the wife is a street singer before theatre queues. They live on about 8 shillings (\$2) a week."

Like Two Peas in a Pod

TYTONE, PA., Sept. 13.—Samuel and Charles Mitchell, twin brothers, were enlisted in the United States Army by the local recruiting office. After they were stripped, measured, weighed and sized up from every angle it was discovered that all the figures taken for both were exactly the same to the most minute detail.

Prohibited Areas Recognized

The principle of sovereignty is further recognized by the right accorded to a State to declare prohibited areas for military reasons or in the interests of public safety, and it will be interesting to see how far, in view of the development of aerial photography, a State will find it worth while to declare prohibited areas for military reasons.

Five Powers Control

A separate chapter of the convention deals with the International Commission for Air Navigation, which is being established as part of the organization of the league of nations, and consists of five representatives of the United States, France, Italy and Japan, one representative of Great Britain and one of each of the British dominions and of India.

The convention only contemplates flying in time of peace, and its provisions do not affect the freedom of movement of the contracting States either as belligerents or as neutrals.

Accident Causes Man in San Francisco to Lose Both Jobs.

CASE IS MOST UNIQUE

Served as Messenger in Day, While at Night Was Conductor.

(By Universal Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—In an effort to put old General H. C. L. to rest, J. F. Eschelman had his dream of affluence and wealth broken through an unfortunate accident that not only nearly knocked him from his bicycle, but also resulted in his losing one of the two jobs he was holding.

The case of Eschelman, unique in the records of the municipal departments, was called to the attention of Tim Beardon, president of the Board of Public Works, and Beardon is now in a quandary as to whether Eschelman should be reprimanded for what he has done or given a medal for a brave fight against a common enemy.

Eschelman is a conductor on the Municipal Railroads on a night run. The messenger was pedaling strenuously, apparently working hard to get somewhere on time, and there was his paper-backed novel sticking from his hip pocket. Bearden took a good look at the messenger and wondered where he had seen that face before.

The mystery was only recently solved. While checking out some cars Eschelman came face to face with the messenger who had figured in the near accident. But he wore the uniform of a conductor and he was ringing up fares with the nonchalance that comes only from long experience.

Bearden had taken on the carpet and it developed that for months Eschelman had been working as a conductor at night and as messenger boy in the daytime. Bearden suspended him for a week without pay to give him a chance to decide which uniform to keep, the blue or the gray.

Eschelman quit his job as messenger and put in the seven days' wages which he lost by the lay-off. "It was hard work," admitted Eschelman, "but what's a guy gonna do? I gotta live."

Distant Care Much for Wife

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Because her husband told her he loved rattlesnakes better than her, Mrs. Eva Maker has been granted a divorce from George E. Maker, a former service man. Mrs. Maker also charged that immediately after their marriage her husband spent all her savings and then sent her to her mother. Maker admitted, measured, weighed and sized up from every angle it was discovered that all the figures taken for both were exactly the same to the most minute detail.

Many Leather Stock Items Show Decrease

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Leather stock for the quarter ending June 30, 1919, shows decreases for most of the items covered, a comparison with the quarter ending March 31, according to reports of the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce. The largest decreases were as follows:

Calf and kid skin, 20.8 per cent; calf and kid skin, 22.8 per cent; sole calf, 25.3 per cent.

The most important increase was shown for sole leather, backs, heads and sides, which was 26.2 per cent. Shearings increased 22.1 per cent, and glove leather 13.2 per cent.

MANY SHIPS SAVED FROM SUBMARINES

Camouflage Proved Powerful Factor in Preventing Destruction of Vessels.

WILY FOE IS OUTWITTED

Craft of Fantastic Patterns Prevented Enemy Getting Clean Shot.

(By Universal Service.) LONDON, Sept. 13.—Dodging the Kaiser's U-boats was the favorite sport of His Majesty's navy during the war, and many schemes were resorted to in order to outwit the wily foe. Chief among the successful ruses originated by officers and men of the fleet was the use of "dazzle" ships—ships camouflaged with fantastic patterns which bewildered the submarine commanders, who in most cases were unable to judge within eight points the true course of the ships.

Lieutenant Commander Norman Wilkinson, R. N. V. R., is the officer who originated the scheme, and its great success in altering the appearance of the ships has been detailed in a report written by him. He related numerous instances of ships being saved from submarines because of their "dazzled" appearance, when the following reports made by other naval officers substantiated his statements.

During 1917, when the submarine menace was at its height, ship captains were asked to observe and report upon the "dazzle" ships. That the scheme was a complete success is shown by the following reports made by the Admiralty.

Sighted off Cape Cod, about six miles from the shore, a ship was seen to be some time about four miles distant. I observed it was a ship towing a lighter with a short drift of tow ropes. The lighter, towing badly and working to the windward, appeared to be steering a course at right angles, crossing from starboard to port. The dark painted stripes on her after-part, made her stern appear her bow, and a broad cut of green paint amidships looks like a patch of water. The weather was bright and visibility good; this was the best camouflage I have ever seen.

Sighted H. M. S. Ebro in the Sound of Mull on the port bow, end on. She appeared to alter her course to port immediately after and seemed to continue to do so, whereas, in reality, she was steering her course to starboard. I should think confusion would be caused in aiming gun or torpedo. I was sure she was trying to cross my bows that I was on the port bow, so I stopped my engines and going full speed astern to avoid a collision, when I discovered that she was altering course to starboard. After passing the vessel it was almost impossible to say how she was steering.

QUEER NATURE FREAKS

One Chicken Has One-Half a Bill and Eye Over Its Exact Center.

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"If they had been twin chicks hatched out of the same egg I could understand it," said Kroll. "The two whites and the two yokes might have been in a scrambled if they had been in one shell, and anything could have happened. But this is beyond me, and I am unable to account for the freak of nature."

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